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Officers

Moderator
LYNN PARKHURST

Town Clerk
HARRY LANG

Selectmen
EUGENE JORDAN CHARLES WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW

Treasurer
HARRY LANG

Tax Collector
DONALD HAYNES

Supervisors
LYNN PARKHURST ERNEST PILBRO
ANDREW JACKSON

Trustees of Public Library
LUCY STEWART JESSIE MCDONALD
BEATRICE WHITE

Librarian
BEATRICE SWETT

Board of Health
LEW WALLACE

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
ELWIN PINCKNEY

Auditor
THELMA COVELL

Trustee of Public Funds
ORVILLE TRASK

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for three years ensuing.

3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.

4. To choose by ballot and major vote, Library Trustees for the year next ensuing

5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

6. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

8. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise, in keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for construction of Class V. roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purposes the sum of $392.24; and the State will contribute the sum of $2,614.93.

12. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the selectmen to use the whole or a part thereof, of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the tax rate for the year next ensuing.

13. To see if the Town will vote to elect two or more road agents to serve the Town for the year ensuing and if two or more are elected, to define the limits of said districts that are to be covered by such road agents as elected; also to fix the price per day for the hiring manual labor, teams and trucks for work on town roads.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $48.04 to the White Mountains Region Association, being 10c per $1,000 (1-100th of 1%) of the assessed valuation of the Town for the previous year, for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other towns of the region.

15. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct, for the purposes of extinguishing fires, in said Town, and in event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

16. To raise sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur the debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing municipal year and to pay such debts out of the tax money when it is received.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds.

19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of the town charges for the ensuing year.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purposes of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Selectmen, and all other officers and ratify and confirm the same.

22. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th day of February A.D. 1951.

EUGENE JORDAN
CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW

Selectmen

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, SS February 14th, 1951

We, Charles H. White and Eugene Jordan and Clyde Shallow of the Town of Columbia, hereby certify that we posted a true and attested copy of the warrant herein, on the town house and Grange Hall, two public places in said town, and delivered to the town clerk on the same date, the original warrant.
A true copy Attest:

EUGENE JORDAN
CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW

Selectmen

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

COOS, SS February 14th, 1951

Personally appeared Charles H. White, Clyde Shallow and Eugene Jordan and made oath that the above affidavit, by them subscribed, is true to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me:

LEON D. RIPLEY

Justice of the Peace

BUDGET

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue 1950	Actual Revenue 1950	Estimated Revenue 1951
From State:			
Railroad Tax	70.00	116.76	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	50.00	16.19	30.00
Fighting Forest Fires	200.00	15.32	200.00
Reimbursement a-c Exemption Growing wood and timber		5,915.17	7,000.00
Bounties	60.00	77.50	
From Local Sources except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses		117.60	
Interest on Taxes		36.43	
Filing Fees		5.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	650.00	908.65	800.00
Eugene Sweatt, refund on hospital bill		18.00	
Harold Parker, refund on hospital bill		12.00	
Frank Marshall, refund on ins.		20.93	
Gulf Oil Corp., refund		83.03	
Town's share W. Ashe Est.		254.53	
Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cash Surplus		2,273.11	
Land Sales		247.23	
From Local Taxes other than Property Tax:			
Poll Taxes		394.00	
Total Revenue from all sources except prop. taxes	11,030.00	20,511.55	18,130.00
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes	27,194.21	27,194.21	

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro-priations 1950	Actual Expend. 1950	Estimated Expend. 1951
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,100.00	1,022.75	1,000.00
Town Officers' Exps.	1,100.00	848.42	1,000.00
Expenses Town Hall	200.00	21.99	100.00
Fire Dept.	1,000.00	453.58	1,000.00
Bounties		25.00	
Auto Permits		98.00	
Vital Statistics		11.00	
Insurance		191.63	
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance: Summer	2,500.00	4,835.30	3,000.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	4,500.00	2,531.01	4,500.00
Cutting Bushes		119.70	200.00
Gen. Exp. Highway Dept.		92.66	500.00
Class V roads	382.00	382.00	392.24
Columbia Bridge Lights		23.01	
Public Welfare:			
Library	150.00	150.00	
Town Poor	900.00	1,169.05	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00	962.11	1,200.00
Cemeteries	150.00	72.75	100.00
Interest on loans		72.63	
White Mt. Region Assn.	59.99	59.99	48.04
Withholding Tax		60.80	
Taxes bought by town		543.21	
Temporary loans		10,000.00	10,000.00
County Taxes	2,268.77	2,268.77	2,268.77
School Taxes	21,914.00	15,540.52	20,000.00
Total Expenditures	$37,324.76	41,555.88	46,309.05

TAXES ASSESSED

County Tax	$2,268.77	
Town Poor	1,800.00	
Highways and Bridges	2,500.00	
Winter Roads	4,500.00	
Class V Roads	382.00	
Cemeteries	150.00	
Fire Department	1,000.00	
Town Charges	2,100.00	
Library	150.00	
White Mountain Region	59.99	
Cutting Bushes	300.00	
School Tax	21,914.00	
		37,124.76

Less Estimated Revenue:

Reimbursement a-c growing wood and timber	7,600.00	
Auto Permits	650.00	
Railroad Tax	70.00	
Savings Bank Tax	50.00	
Cash Surplus	1,899.52	
		10,269.52
		26,885.24
Plus Overlay		732.97
Taxes Committed to Collector		27,588.21
Less Poll Taxes		394.00
		$27,194.21

Tax Rate—$5.66

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA

For 12 Months Ending December 31, 1950

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$12,914.17
Due from State:	
Bounties	25.00
Reimbursement on Timber Tax	1,085.86
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale acct of)	
(a) Levy of 1950	345.08
(b) Levy of 1949	217.12
(c) Levy of 1948	60.31
(d) Levy of 1947	18.76
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1950	196.53
Property Tax	18.00
Poll Taxes	
(b) Uncollected Yield Tax	306.28
Total Assets	15,187.11

LIABILITIES

Due to School Dist., bal. of approp.	12,914.00
Total Liabilities	12,914.00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2,273.11
	15,187.11
Surplus December 31, 1949	3,475.49
Surplus December 31, 1950	2,273.11
Decrease of Surplus	1,202.38

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	$68,482.00
Lands and Buildings	287,399.00
Mature Wood and Timber	550.00
75 Horses	8,000.00
618 Cows	81,735.00
119 Neat Stock	13,095.00
Sugar Orchard	300.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	28,597.00
Gas Pumps and Tanks	295.00
6 Goats	60.00
2 Hogs	50.00
Mills and Machinery	1,700.00
Total Valuation	490,263.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,800.00
Total Valuation less Exemptions	$480,463.00

SCHEDULE TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library: Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	6,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
	$43,500.00

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1950	$7,940.04
State Treasurer, Bounties	77.50
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	908.68
Harry Lang, dog licenses	117.60
Savings Bank Tax	16.19
Railroad Tax	116.76
Colebrook National Bank, note	3,000.00
Town Share of W. Ashe Estate	254.53
Andrew Jackson, filing fee	3.00
Ernest Pilbro, filing fee	1.00
Elery Adair, filing fee	1.00
Colebrook National Bank, note	7,000.00
Gulf Oil Co., refund	83.03
Frank E. Marshall, refund on insurance	20.93
Refund from State on Timber Tax	5,915.17
Harold Parker, payment on hospital bill	12.00
Eugene Sweatt, payment on hospital bill	18.00
Refund on Forest Fires	15.32
Donald Haynes, Taxes 1950	27,627.41
Donald Haynes, Land Sales	247.33
Donald Haynes, Taxes 1949	1,048.45
Donald Haynes, Taxes 1948	9.68
Donald Haynes, Interest on Taxes	36.43
	54,470.05

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	$1,022.75
Town Officers' Expenses	848.42
Withholding Tax	60.80
Town Hall Expenses	21.99
Fire Department	453.58
Bounties	25.00
Columbia Bridge Lights	23.01
Vital Statistics	11.00
Winter Roads	2,531.01
Town Maintenance	4.835.30
General Expense Highway Department	92.66
Library	150.00
Town Poor	1,169.05
Old Age Assistance	962.11
Cemeteries	72.75
Schools	15,540.52
Taxes bought by Town	543.21
T.R.A.	382.00
Auto Permits	98.00
Cutting Bushes	119.70
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
Interest on Loans	72.63
County Tax	2,268.77
Insurance	191.63
White Mountain Region	59.99
Total	$41,555.88

Town Officers Expenses:

Sentinel Publishing Co.	240.25
Lucy Stewart, postage and supplies	7.86
Elsie M. Annis, bonds	55.00
Town Clerk's Assoc. dues	2.00
Harry Lang, expenses Town Clerk meeting	25.00
Coos County Register of Deeds	11.89
Elwin Pinckney, scaling pulp	24.50

Richard Pinckney, scaling pulp	29.00
Vital Statistics	3.00
Secretary of State	10.00
Assoc. of N. H. Assors, dues	2.00
Leon Ripley, services 1949	157.00
Leon Ripley, services 1950	125.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, supplies	31.41
Charles White, expenses	41.10
Eugene Jordan, expenses	16.06
Clyde Shallow, expenses	19.85
Harry Lang, supplies	38.00
Donald Haynes, supplies	7.50
N. H. Tax Collector's Assoc., dues	2.00
	848.42

Town Officers Salaries:

Thelma Covell, Auditor	6.00
Helen Lang, Ballot Clerk	12.00
John Marshall, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Mabel Sims, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Myrtle Parker, Ballot Clerk	12.00
Andrew Jackson, Supervisor	70.00
Lynn Parkhurst, Supervisor	70.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	70.00
Jewett Spencer, Janitor	11.25
Charles White, Selectman	100.00
Eugene Jordan, Selectman	100.00
Clyde Shallow, selectman	100.00
Harry Lang, Town Clerk and Treasurer	150.00
Lucy Stewart, bookkeeper	100.00
Lynn Gray, Moderator	5.00
Donald Haynes, Tax Collector and Dog Constable	130.00
Beatrice Swett, Librarian	62.50
	1,022.75

Summer Roads:

Francis Chapple	690.01
John Chapple	131.73
Charles White	147.53

Noel Bedard	46.40
Richard Harding	70.30
Durwood Perry	213.00
Clyde Gray	374.35
W. Beecher	58.20
Harry Becker	375.49
Lynn Parkhurst	69.48
Phillip Shallow	29.63
Joe Bergeron	22.80
Leonard Wheeler	463.75
State of New Hampshire	22.00
Merit Blodgett	16.50
Everett Dobson	18.00
Lynn Smith	6.00
Richard Kenney	41.25
Herman Kenney	6.75
W. Reynolds	5.80
Culverts	169.05
J. Vallier	36.00
Watson Taylor	72.00
Wesley Hartwell	84.38
Dennis Coavette	23.63
Guy Kenney	279.37
Jesse Cass	2.62
Clyde Shallow	121.50
Alfred Bunnell	5.63
Charlie Haynes	3.75
Ed Cowan	6.00
Parker Hicks and Sons	11.34
Wesley Shallow	9.00
Ernest Ellingwood	27.90
G. B. Currier	69.18
Clare Becker	1,048.27
Gordon Whitehill	26.34
Lynwood Phillips	6.75
Eugene Jordan	18.00
Charles J. White	5.62
	4,835.30

$1,125.00 of this $4,835.30 was spent on the washout of November 25, 1950

Winter Roads:

Stratford Garage	4.20
Joseph Vallier	4.50
Parker Hicks and Sons	13.92
Lynwood Philips	1.50
W. Philips	1.50
Joe Bergeron	96.50
Alfred Bunnell	5.63
Lynn Smith	9.00
Everett Dobson	3.00
Clark Smith	3.00
Gerald Owen	59.60
Robert Spitzner	91.96
State of New Hampshire	122.12
Francis Chapple	270.76
Casellini Venable Corp.	18.45
Harry Jondro	6.25
Shatney's Garage	185.60
Philip Shallow	3.75
Wesley Kelsea	12.50
Henry Fournier	11.35
H. A. Holbrook	15.00
E. R. A. New Hampshire Corp.	24.00
C. C. Cummings	.45
Colebrook Feed Co.	13.50
Charles H. White	33.75
Harry Becker	31.12
Richard Hicks	6.00
Joseph Washburn	6.00
Charles J. White	6.00
Guy Kenney	6.00
Kilburn Covell	18.00
John Chapple	13.50
Clyde Shallow	529.60
Clare Becker	317.64
H. N. Marsh	123.81
Russell Oil	10.60
C. J. Lewis	343.35
Wilbur Little	10.00
Andrew Jackson	21.75
Farmers Feed Supply	.60
Lynn Parkhurst	60.00
Noel Bedard	6.00

Durwood Perry	6.00
Nelson and Woodard	3.25
	2,531.01
Withholding Tax	60.80
Town Hall Expenses	21.99
Fire Department Total Amount	453.58

Bounties:

Charles White	12.75
Eugene Jordan	8.75
Clyde Shallow	3.50
	25.00

T. R. A.

Treasurer, State of N. H.	382.00

Insurance:

Frank Marshall	191.63

Vital Statistics:

Harry Lang	11.00

Auto Permits:

Harry Lang	98.00

General Expenses Highway Dept.:

Total Amount	92.66

Columbia Bridge:

N. H. Electric Corp. lights	23.01

Town Poor:

Old Age Assistance	962.11

Town Poor	1,169.05
Cemeteries	72.75
Schools:	
Beatrice White, Treasurer	11,540.52
Temporary Loans:	
Colebrook National Bank	10,000.00
County Taxes:	
J. Arthur Sullivan, Treas.	2,268.77
Auto Permits:	
Harry Lang	98.00
Taxes Bought by Town:	
Donald Haynes, Col.	543.21
Library:	
Lucy Stewart, Trustee	150.00
Cutting Bushes:	
Total Amount Expended	119.70

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year 1950 I have recorded 12 Births, 4 Deaths and 7 Marriages.

Licenses have been paid me on 3 dogs for 1949 amounting to $6.00
59 dogs 1950 124.00

Amounting to	130.00
Less Clerk's fee of	12.40
	117.60

I have issued automobile permits amounting to $908.68.

6 for 1949 for	7.50
187 for 1950 for	901.18
	$908.68

These sums I have paid to the Treasurer.

HARRY LANG

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1950	$ 7,940.04
Received from all sources	46,530.01
Total Receipts to date	54,470.05
Less Selectmen's Orders Drawn	41,555.88
Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$12,914.17

HARRY LANG

Town Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1950:

Added Tax	$ 2.00	
Property Tax	27,194.21	
Poll Taxes	394.00	
		27,610.21
Paid Treasurer 1950 Tax		27,314.10

Uncollected:

Property Taxes	196.53	
Poll Taxes	18.00	
Abatements	81.58	
		27,610.21
Redeemed Lands of 1949, '48, '47, '45, '44		247.33
Uncollected 1949		1,153.12
Paid Treasurer 1949 Taxes		1,048.45
Abatement		70.78
Uncollected 1948		9.68
Paid Treasurer 1948 Taxes		9.68
Interest Collected		36.43
Levy of 1950 Yield Tax		619.59
Paid Treasurer 1950 Tax		313.31
Uncollected 1950 Yield Tax		306.28

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of

	1950	1949	1948	1947
Frances Crete			60.31	
Bertrum Danforth	24.71	18.95		18.76
Denis Coavette	108.78	78.79		
Denis Coavette		46.13		
John Lafond		37.39		
John Lafond		26.43		

Estella Parker	33.20	
Armond Brochu	53.01	
Maurice Pinard	68.66	
Wilfred Pinard	37.69	
Ernest Goodrum	19.03	9.43

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD HAYNES

Tax Collector

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1950

Mar. 27, 1933, Ellen Cleaveland Trust Fund	$100.00
Rate of Interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	30.19
Income during year	2.61
Expended during year	2.00
Balance on hand at end of year	30.80
Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	
Aug. 29, 1935, Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust Fund	75.00
Rate of Interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	.78
Income during year	1.51
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	2.29
Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	
Mar. 4, 1946, Mary A. Walker Trust Fund	400.00
Rate of Interest 2 and 2½%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	23.62
Income during year	8.50
Expended during year	2.00
Balance on hand at end of year	30.12
Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank	
Sept. 30, 1946, Henry Forristall Trust Fund	200.00
Rate of Interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	8.34
Income during year	4.70
Expended during year	2.00
Balance on hand at end of year	11.04
Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	

Sept., 1949, East Columbia Ladies Aid Society Trust Fund for East Columbia Cemetery. To be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements, including principal or any part of it. To be laid out by selectmen.

Amount of principal	214.97
Rate of Interest—2%	
Income during year	7.61
Expended during year	20.25
Balance on hand at end of year	202.33

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank

ORVILLE TRASK

Trustee

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1950	$2.65
Received from fines and subscriptions	4.25
	6.90
Paid for postage and supplies	2.65
Cash on hand January 1, 1951	$4.25

Circulation for 1950—1130

B. SWETT

Librarian

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1950	138.97	
Received from Town Treasurer	150.00	
		288.97
Paid for Books	147.57	
Paid for Magazines	23.25	
		170.82
Cash on hand January 1, 1951		$118.15

Number of Books Purchased—98
Number of Magazines Purchased—6

LUCY STEWART
JESSIE MCDONALD
BEATRICE WHITE

Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen and find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL

Auditor

SCHOOL REPORT

MARCH 1, 1951

Moderator
HARRY F. LANG

Clerk
MARION E. WELLS

Treasurer
BEATRICE C. WHITE

Auditor
LYNN M. GRAY

School Board

MARY C. GLEASON, Chm.	Term Expires 1951
JOHN H. MARSHALL	Term Expires 1952
THELMA G. COVELL	Term Expires 1953

Superintendent of Schools
ERNEST B. DANA

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 21st day of March, 1951, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are esti-

mated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 1st day of March, 1951.

MARY C. GLEASON
JOHN H. MARSHALL
THELMA G. COVELL

School Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and the Citizens of the School District of Columbia.

Foreword

If we stop for a moment to look into the future. during these days of increasing uncertainty, we have reason for grave concern. At first we may be a bit prone to think of expenses. With the cost of living steadily rising, accompanied with the parallel raises in salaries in all types of work generally, overall increases in school operational costs can be expected. Add to this general contributing factor those in our schools of even larger enrollments, still higher tuition rates, an alarming scarcity of elementary teachers, continued expansion and improvement to provide more adequate facilities and equipment, and no state aid in some cases, the necessity of increases in the school budget becomes apparent.

As has been pointed out in previous reports, however, the matter of primary concern to us is the extent to which we are providing a training which will help our boys and girls to meet the perplexing situations, and solve more adequately the difficult problems in future life. This means that as the boy or girl progresses through the work in the successive grades in his or her school life, it is highly important that opportunities be provided for him or her to apply the facts and concepts learned. In this way only can that understanding, self reliance and basically sound judgment be developed, which will ultimately result in a philosophy of life of thought and action which will help to make this a better world in which to live.

Teachers

During this period of continued shortage of elementary teachers, we are very fortunate to have

veteran teachers in every position in the district. Viola H. Sutton, who formerly taught at the Valley School, now closed, teaches at the Grand Division School. The same teachers have returned to the three remaining schools. Florence B. Hughes is at Church, Gladys P. Fearon at Cone, and Mary E. Gray at South Columbia.

Enrollment

With the closing of the Valley School the enrollment of 88 pupils, is of course, less than it was last year when 105 were on the membership list in our schools. However, this number compares favorably with the 89 enrolled two years ago. The average percentage of attendance for the five schools in operation during the past year was 94.55 and the average number of tardinesses per pupil was .37. A tabulation immediately following the statement of the estimated income of the district in this report shows a breakdown of these data for each school.

Although the number of tuition pupils has increased from last year's number of 30 to a total of 36, there has been a decrease in Grades 9-12, as only 23 are enrolled at Colebrook Academy, while the remaining 13 from the Valley District are attending the Colebrook Elementary School.

Buildings and Equipment

The policy of keeping the buildings in a good state of repair and maintenance has been continued this past year. During the summer vacation such work was done and improvements made as were believed necessary to provide those quarters and facilities which contribute to the happy life and effective work of the school.

In keeping with the above mentioned policy of maintenance and repair, also work was done on buildings not presently used. Such was the case in hav-

ing the roof shingled at the Union School in the Bungy District.

Classification of Schools

The district is to be commended for classifying the remaining schools this year, namely, with Grades 1-4 at South Columbia, and Grades 5-8 at Cone. With the additional time that may now be devoted to each class plus the greater opportunity for the teacher to give more individual help than was formerly possible when all eight grades were in the same school, more learning and understanding should result as the boys and girls progress from grade to grade.

Notes on the Budget

The School Board's Budget and requested appropriation for 1951-52 is $26,530 as compared to $26,-744 for this year. This amount is reduced by an estimated income of $5,000 which leaves a balance of $21,530 to be raised by taxes by the town.

Legislation

To date no educational bills relative to state aid have come up for discussion and consideration at the present session of the Legislature. The indications are, however, in so far as the proposed formula for determination and distribution of possible funds is concerned, that the district may receive possibly a little more than the amount allotted by the State during each of the past two years.

Conclusion

In light of the present world situations, and of what may be found over the horizon just ahead, the obligation of our schools to do everything possible to help our boys and girls to effectively meet these conditions becomes paramount.

Again I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the school board, parents, teachers, and citizens for all the cooperation received in our work together to maintain high standards in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. DANA

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1949-50

State Aid	$ 4,641.57
Current Appropriation	13,140.52
Gladys Brackett, refund, sick leave	35.01
Lynn Smith, Cleveland School House	600.00
Total	18,417.10
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1949	4,252.91
Grand Total	22,670.01

Payments

Administration:	
Salaries of District Officers	168.00
Supt's Excess Salary	514.25
Per Capita Tax	206.00
Salaries of other Administrative Personnel	166.00
Supplies and Expenses	85.72
Instruction:	
Teachers' Salaries	10,991.66
Textbooks and other Aids	335.99
Scholars' Supplies	228.28
Supplies and other Expenses	103.14
Operation of School Plant:	
Janitor Service	348.00
Fuel	745.50
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	170.80
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repair and Replacements	536.33

Auxiliary Activities:	
Health Service	373.29
Transportation	3,741.00
Tuition	3,523.52
Special Activities and Special Funds	21.00
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	266.75
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	72.50
Capital Outlay:	
New Equipment	48.87
Total Payments for all purposes	22,646.60
Total Cash on hand at end of Year June 30, 1950	23.41
Grand Total	$22,670.01

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Columbia of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

L. M. GRAY

June 30, 1950 Auditor

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers:

A. B. Frizzell, Auditor, 1949	$ 3.00
Thelma Covell, School Board Salary	40.00
John Marshall, School Board Salary	40.00
Mary Gleason, School Board Salary	40.00
Lynn Parkhurst, Clerk—Special Meeting 1949	2.50
Harry Lang, Moderator 1950 and Special 1949	5.00
Marion Wells, Clerk	2.50
Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	35.00
	168.00

Supt's Excess Salary:

State Treasurer	514.25

Per Capita Tax:

State Treasurer	206.00

Salaries of other Administrative Personnel:

Marion E. Wells, office work	109.13
Thelma Covell, Census, East	15.00
John Marshall, Census,South	15.00
Eleanor Corbett, office work	26.87
	166.00

Supplies and Expenses:

R. E. Lane, Census Cards	1.27
Sentinel Publishing Company, notices	3.75
Edson C. Eastman, posting binder and voucher	38.62
Ernest B. Dana, postage and misc.	11.43
Ray A. Hicks, stamped envelopes	20.50

Beatrice White, postage	1.00
Colebrook Special School District, office exps.	6.15
A. H. Rice Co., school record forms	3.00
	85.72

Teachers' Salaries:

Florence Hughes	1,904.40
*Gladys Brackett	195.80
Mary Gray	2,016.00
Viola Sutton	2,004.00
A. Irving Forbes	492.00
Gladys Fearon	1,884.50
*Marion Daley, replaced Brackett	1,614.63
Marion Wells, substitute	195.96
Carolyn Hughes, substitute	18.00
Frances Hughes, substitute	18.00
Mildred Corbett	18.00
Elizabeth Goodwin	9.00
Esther Harrigan	18.00
*Colebrook National Bank, Withholding Tax	355.10
Teachers' Retirement Board, Assess.	344.00
	11,087.39
Explained below	*95.73
	10,991.66

*Marion Daley, paid 1950-51	68.83
*Colebrook National Bank, Tax paid 1950-51	26.90
*Refund Sick Leave, Gladys Brackett	35.01

Books and Other Aids:

Scott, Foresman & Company	33.80
Allyn and Bacon, History books	93.17
Rand, McNally & Company	69.54
Houghton Mifflin Company, Geog. books	64.62
Row, Peterson & Company	37.23
American Book Company	13.05

J. B. Lippincott Company	18.20
The L. W. Singer Company	6.38
	335.99

Scholars' Supplies

Scott, Foresman & Company, supplies	43.32
J. L. Hammett Company, supplies	73.24
Gledhill Brothers, supplies	28.92
Edward E. Babb Company, supplies	27.47
Bryant's, oil cloth	2.10
Thompson & Hoague Company, paints	13.61
Allyn and Bacon, workbooks	6.27
Houghton Mifflin Company, tests	6.12
World Book Company, tests	10.92
Sentinel Publishing Company, newsprint	3.00
The Macmillan Company, workbooks	13.31
	228.28

Supplies and Other Expenses:

The E. C. Schirmer Music Company, music books	12.00
Allyn and Bacon, ref. book	1.23
Houghton Mifflin Company, key	1.38
Colebrook Special School District, almanacs	4.75
American Education Press, Weekly Readers	55.50
A. Irving Forbes, music	1.50
A. B. Rider & Associates, nature series	5.08
U. of New Hampshire, film rental	8.00
A. H. Rice Company, film rental	2.00
Ernest B. Dana, Misc. supplies	11.70
	103.14

Janitor Service:

Mrs. Verne Reynolds, cleaning	34.00
Jacqueline Haynes, cleaning	24.00
Beulah Hartwell, repair window shades	5.00
Janet Shallow	30.40

Robert Kenney	54.60
Alan Hughes	2.40
George Flanders	57.00
Paul Poulin	57.00
Raymond White	41.70
Roger Haynes	23.60
Sherwood Wright	15.30
Judith Smith	3.00
	348.00

Fuel:

Clement Gleason, 99 cds. wood @$7 and kindling	725.50
William Dexter, kindling	4.00
Lynn Parkhurst, kindling	6.00
Paul Poulin, piling wood South Columbia	10.00
	745.50

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

Cochenet & Banfill, labor and supplies	5.22
N. H. Electric Coop.	48.00
Public Service Company, lights	72.37
The Peck Company, towels	24.20
Charles J. Lewis, floor oil and bombs	7.84
E. F. Royal Company, brooms	9.09
P. A .Hicks & Company, supplies	4.08
	170.80

Repairs and Replacements:

Bernie A. Gray, labor	224.70
Bryant's, supplies	19.56
Clement Gleason, graveling Church school yard	30.00
John H. Marshall, labor and truck	20.90
William Cochenet, labor on desks, Grand Div.	26.50
P. A. Hicks & Sons, supplies	91.31
Fuller Brothers, pipe	7.16
Douglas Keach, trucking gravel	67.00

Arthur Gould, trucking gravel, Grand Div.	28.50
Verne Reynolds, cleaning yards	15.00
L. C. Remick, repair clock	2.50
Cochenet & Banfill, repairs	2.35
Robert Wilson, repair window	.85
	536.33

Health Supervision:

Phoebe H. Stevens, Nurse	336.00
Teachers' Retirement Board, asses.	14.00
Brainard's Pharmacy, supplies	7.79
Dickson's Pharmacy, supplies	.75
Joseph Bergeron, trans. dental clinic	14.00
Colebrook Special School District	.75
	373.29

Transportation:

Ernest W. Drew	480.00
Farmers & Traders Nat'l Bank, Drew order	944.00
Mary E. Gray	360.00
Colebrook National Bank, J. Bergeron order	1,068.00
Verne M. Reynolds	712.00
Gerald Gagne	177.00
	3,741.00

Tuition:

Colebrook Special School District, high	3,523.52
Special Activities and Special Funds:	
Ernest Drew, trans. recreation	6.00
Philip Morris, balls	9.50
Athletic Trainers Supply Company, soft balls	5.50
	21.00

Retirement:

Teachers' Retirement Board, asses.	238.51
State Treas., Supt's asses.	28.24
	266.75

Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses:

Elsie M. Annis, Treas. bond	10.00
A. B. Frizzell, Insurance	62.50
	72.50

New Equipment:

Mrs. Aurore Poulin, organ, South Columbia	15.00
Marion E. Wells, organ, Church	10.00
J. L. Hammett Company, water cooler	12.45
Irving Forbes, trans. of organs and piano	5.00
Bryant's, ax and padlocks	5.44
Hills's Department Store, pan	.98
	48.87

BUDGET 1951-52

(Compared with the Budget for 1950-51 and Expenditures of 1949-50)

	Amount Spent 1949-50	Budget for 1950-51	Proposed Budget 1951-52
Sal. of Dist. Officers	168.00	175.00	175.00*
Supt's excess salary	514.25	340.00	400.00*
Per. Capita Tax	206.00	224.00	292.00*
Salaries of other administrative personnel	166.00	140 00	160.00
Supplies and Exp.	85.72	130.00	130.00
Teachers' Salaries	10,991.66	11,720.00	10,000.00
Books and other aids	335.99	300.00	300.00
Scholars' Supplies	228.28	320.00	320.00
Supplies and other expenses	103.14	100.00	100.00
Salaries of Janitors	348.00	400.00	400.00
Fuel	745.50	600.00	600.00
Water, light, supplies and exp.	170.80	200.00	200.00
Repairs, replacements	536.33	350.00	350.00
Health supervision	373.29	320.00	350.00
Transportation	3,741.00	3,740.00	5,000.00
Tuition			
High	3,523.52	7,030.00	5,500.00
Elementary			1,500.00
Special activities and special funds	21.00	75.00	33.00
Retirement	266.75	500.00	610.00*
Insurance, Treas. bonds and expenses	72.50	30.00	60.00
New Equipment	48.87	50.00	50.00
	$22,646.60	26,744.00	26,530.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries

of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship, which takes into consideration school membership and assessed valuation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount for Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME OF THE DISTRICT 1951-52

State Aid	$5,000.00
School Board's Budget	26,530.00
Requested Appropriation	$21,530.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE 1949-50

SCHOOL AND TEACHER	No. Pupils	No. Boys	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance	No. of Tardinesses Per Pupil

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE 1949-50

Church: Florence B. Hughes	28	13	25.26	27.31	92.49	.07
Gr. Div.: Marion Daley	22	15	19.06	20.33	93.75	.77
Cone: Gladys Fearon	20	11	16.90	17.79	94.87	.60
So. Columbia: Mary Gray	26	11	21.07	21.82	96.56	.00
Valley: Viola H. Sutton	19	12	12.24	12.87	95.10	.42
Totals	115	62	94.53	100.12	94.55	.37

TEACHERS CONTRACTED SALARIES 1950 51

Florence B. Hughes, Church	$2,200.00
Viola H. Sutton, Grand Division	2,200.00
Mary E. Gray, South Columbia	2,200.00
Gladys P. Fearon, Cone	2,200.00
A. Irving Forbes, Music	545.00

NURSE AND SALARY

Phoebe H. Stevens	$325.00

JANITORS AND SALARY

	Rate Per Week
Robert Kenney, Church	1.50
Gerald Haynes, Grand Division	1.50
William Reynolds, South Columbia	1.50
George Flanders, Cone	1.50

TRANSPORTATION

Driver and School	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Dist. One Way
Ernest W. Drew, Church and Grand Division	8.00	19	8.5
Joseph Bergeron, Church and Grand Division	8.00	14	6.0
Verne M. Reynolds, South Columbia, Cone, and Colebrook Elem.	11.00	50	12.5

ENROLLMENT

Church, Grades 1-4, 27; Grand Division, Grades 5-8, 23; South Columbia, Grades 1-4, 21; Cone, Grades 5-8, 17. Total 88.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATE

	No.	Rate
Attending Colebrook Elementary	13	$85.00
Attending Colebrook Academy	23	185.00
Total	36	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA. N. H., DURING YEAR 1950

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
1950				
Jun 5	William Frederick Ball Jr.	William Ball	Julia Jordan	Stewartstown
Nov 4	Anne Marie Caouette	Denis Caouette	Marie LaRoche	Stewartstown
Feb 27	Nancy Anne Chapple	Francis Chapple	Mary Washburn	Stewartstown
July 7	Gail Audry Drew	Ernest Drew	Margaret Haynes	Stewartstown
1949				
May 24	Cheryl Elizabeth Flanders	Clayton Flanders	Thelma Phillips	Stewartstown
1950				
Nov 27	Susan Pearl Flanders	Clayton Flanders	Thelma Phillips	Stewartstown
Feb 25	Randall Edward Gray	Miles Gray	Ruth Lawton	Stewartstown
Mar 16	Ramona Jean Hartwell	Wesley Hartwell	Beulah Jackson	Stewartstown
May 14	David Alan Kenney	Richard Kenney	Margaret Cass	Stewartstown
1948				
Oct 27	Mellisa Jane McCann	Leonard McCann	Nellie Carney	Stewartstown
1950				
July 18	Randall Lewis Reynolds	Verne Reynolds	Margaret Stanton	Stewartstown
1947				
July 25	Verne Merton Reynolds Jr.	Verne Reynolds	Margaret Stanton	Stewartstown

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR YEAR 1950

Date of Marriage 1950	Name and Surname	Age	Name of Parents of Groom	Name of Parents of Bride
July 15	Fay Lamberton Barnett	24	Wrennie Barnett	James Mercer
	Ellen Majory Mercer	17	Marjorie Lamberton	Florence Rose
Dec 2	Earl Emil Cass	29	Jesse Cass	Charles Haynes
	Jacqueline Evelyn Haynes	18	Lillian Coates	Evelyn Cummings
Oct 14	Roland Wayne Cass	23	Jesse Cass	Wilfred Bourassa
	Madeleine Jacqueline Bourassa	18	Lillian Coates	Aldea Couture
Jun 24	Francis Burton Inman	25	Jerry Inman	Alexander Wilson
	Eva Wilson	22	Nellie Giverson	Ale'nd'n McShennen
July 9	Lester Richardson Perham	32	Paul Perham	Donald Shoff
	Mary Adella Shoff	28	Daisy Lester	Marion Lang
Oct 4	Prescott John Stanton	21	Walter Stanton	Edwin Parker
	Rachel Eva Parker	18	Wilma Whiting	Ida Libby
Jun 20	Stewart Lincoln Sweatt	21	Hollis Sweatt	Henry Gilbert
	Velna Mae Gilbert	19	Nettie Amy	Alice Blodgett

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., DURING YEAR 1950

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Sex	Condition	Place of Death
1950							
Aug 7	Margaret C Berry	26	5	23	F	Married	Stewartstown
Mar 5	Alpheus B Frizzell	73			M	Married	Hillsboro
Jan 9	Agnes M Jacques	85	11	17	F	Widowed	Columbia
Nov 21	Elizabeth Pinckney	66	0	6	F	Married	Stewartstown